

its evaluation. If not even half the money should be in weatherization anymore, that's fine. But whether it is in weatherization or whether it is in school technology, it helps with property taxes either way. It is under the lid either way, and I am not sure why this body all of a sudden wants to eliminate the weatherization program willy-nilly and feels so strong about it because I think there are a lot of good aspects to the weatherization program, and you ought to at least keep it at half, at half level to see if it doesn't make sense to continue it at that level. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON PRESIDING

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Withem, for what point to you rise?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I would like to ask for a division of this amendment because I think Sections 1 and 3 deal with the concept of a loan program, and the flow of the money. Section 2 of the amendment deals with the concept of sunseting the Weatherization Fund, and I would like to have a separate vote on the issue of sunseting.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Thank you, Senator Withem. We will take that under advisement, and we will stand at ease just for a second while we take a look at that. The Chair will rule it divisible, and we will divide it in two ways. Senator Withem, I want to make sure I am correct. You want to do Sections 1 and 3 together, and Section 2 separated out, was that your intent?

SPEAKER WITHEM: My objective is to take a separate vote on item 2, that is correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Okay, Senator Beutler, you have the choice as to which...if you want to come up here, Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, in which order would you like to have the division taken up? While we are waiting, Mr. Clerk, do you have any items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined engrossed LB 309 and find the same correctly engrossed, LB 598, LB 669, LB 671, and LB 774, those were reported correctly engrossed. Enrollment and Review also reports LB 473, LB 535, LB 544 to Select File. I have explanation of vote from Senator Schmitt